

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method ~~Method~~ of manufacturing a dashboard sub-assembly, comprising electrical and/or electronic components [[(1),]] connected to electrical conductors [[(2)]] and fixed to a rigid support, the method comprising the steps of ~~(3), characterised by the fact that, according to the said method:~~

providing [[-]] a flexible web [[(4)]] equipped with the ~~said~~ conductors; ~~(2) is provided,~~

mounting [[-]] the ~~said~~ components ~~(1) are mounted on~~ the ~~said~~ web [[(4),]] in connection with the ~~said~~ conductors; [[(2),]]

stiffening [[-]] the ~~said~~ web ~~(4) is stiffened by over-~~ ~~moulding it~~ over molding the web with a material intended to constitute the ~~said~~ support [[(3)]], wherein at least some of the components are between the web and a rear face of the support that contacts the web; and

rendering the components that are between the web and the rear face of the support visually and/or mechanically accessible from a front face of the support opposite the rear face.

2. (currently amended) The method Method according to Claim 1, in which interface means [[5]] are defined with at least some of the ~~said~~ components and further comprising a step of modifying or deforming the material of the support in a region of the components with the interface means (1) and the material of the said support (3), provided locally modified and/or deformed in the region of the said components (1).

3-4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) The method Method according to Claim 1 [[4]], in which the material intended to constitute the ~~said~~ rigid support [[3]] is made translucent in places to allow light to pass through ~~the thickness of the said~~ the support.

6. (currently amended) The method Method according to Claim 1 [[4]], in which at least one orifice ~~(10) opening out in the thickness of the said rigid support (3)~~ is provided locally between [[its]] the front face [[7]] and [[its]] the rear face [[6]].

7. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a dashboard sub-assembly that includes electrical and/or electronic components connected to electrical conductors and fixed to a rigid support, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a flexible web equipped with the conductors;

mounting the components on the web in connection with the conductors;

stiffening the web by over molding the web with a material intended to constitute the support, wherein at least some of the components are between the web and a rear face of the support that contacts the web; and

rendering at least some of the components that are between the web and the rear face of the support visually and/or mechanically accessible from a front face of the support opposite the rear face by providing an orifice between the front face and the rear face,

~~Method according to Claim 6, in which some of the said components between the web and the rear face [(1)] are intended to form changeover-switching means [(5)] and the said orifice or orifices (10) is/are is provided in the region of the said components (1) intended to form the changeover-switching means.~~

8. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to Claim 7, in which switch means are installed in the region of the orifice ~~said orifices (10)~~, the said switch means being made able to interact, for the changeover switching, with a wall of said orifice ~~the walls of the said orifices (10)~~.

9. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to Claim 2, in which at least one part of the components with the ~~of the said~~ interface means [(5)] is intended for connection to external electrical circuits by carrying out the following steps ~~stages~~:

forming with the material of the rigid support [[-]] a protuberance [[(15)]] intended to be covered at least partly by a fold [[(16)]] of the ~~said flexible web (4) is formed with the material of the said rigid support,~~

establishing an electrical connection with [[-]] the ~~said conductors (2) are made able to establish an electrical connection~~ in the region of the ~~said fold~~ [[(16)]], and

arranging [[-]] mechanical fastening means ~~(17) are arranged and/or over moulded on the said web [(4),] about the said protuberance [(15)].~~

10. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to Claim 1, in which ~~[[the]]~~ a body of the ~~said~~ sub-assembly is defined by the ~~with the said~~ rigid support [[(3)]].

11. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to Claim 10, wherein the web is provided on a surface of the body opposite a surface of the body in which, one of the faces of the said body being intended to be oriented towards the user, the said flexible web (4), equipped with the said components (1), is provided in the region of the opposite face.

12. (currently amended) A dashboard ~~Dashboard~~ sub-assembly, ~~especially a vehicle dashboard console,~~ obtained by the manufacturing method according to Claim 1.

13. (new) A method of manufacturing a dashboard sub-assembly that includes electrical and/or electronic components

connected to electrical conductors and fixed to a rigid support,
the method comprising the steps of:

mounting the components on a flexible web and
connecting the components to the conductors;

stiffening the flexible web by over molding the web
with the rigid support, the rigid support having a rear face that
is in contact with the web and a front face opposite the rear
face, at least some of the components being between the web and
the rear face of the rigid support; and

making the components that are between the web and the
rear face visually and/or mechanically accessible from the front
face of the rigid support.

14. (new) The method according to claim 13, further
comprising the step of making the rigid support translucent over
at least some of the components so as to make the components
beneath the translucent part visually accessible from the front
face of the rigid support.

15. (new) The method according to claim 13, further
comprising the step of making an opening in the front face of the
rigid support to expose at least some of the components so as to
make the components exposed in the opening mechanically
accessible from the front face of the rigid support.